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E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS: OVIP (MARTIN, GRAHAM)

SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR MARTIN'S PRESENCE IN ITALY

REFERENCE: STATE 119127

FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM EAGLEBURGER

1. YOUR EARLIER MESSAGE VIA ANOTHER CHANNEL, WHICH LED TO THE REPLY IN REFTEL, HAS BEEN GIVEN CAREFUL CONSIDERATION HERE AT MOST SENIOR LEVELS IN THE DEPARTMENT. WE UNDERSTAND YOUR CONCERNS AND SYMPATHIZE WITH THEM.

2. OUR GENERAL VIEW AT THIS TIME IS THAT WE WOULD PREFER NOT TO TAKE ACTION ON THE MATTER YOU HAVE RAISED UNLESS YOU CONSIDER THE SITUATION SO SENSITIVE THAT YOU BELIEVE THERE IS SUBSTANTIAL LIKELIHOOD OF SERIOUS DAMAGE TO THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT. THUS, IS GRAHAM MARTIN IN ROME OR IS HE AT HIS FARM IN TUSCANY? HAS HE KEPT HIS VISIT LOW KEY OR IS HE SEEING GOI OFFICIALS AND IN GENERAL MAKING IT DIFFICULT FOR YOU TO IGNORE HIS PRESENCE?

3. IN CANDOR, OUR RELUCTANCE TO MOVE IS DUE TO THE DIFFICULT TIME MARTIN HAS HAD OVER THE LAST MONTH OR SO AND
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OUR GENERAL DESIRE TO LEAVE HIM IN PEACE IF POSSIBLE.

4. I WOULD APPRECIATE ANY THOUGHTS YOU MAY HAVE ON THE
MATTER. KISSINGER

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